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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

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1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives, or trusts, &c., in addition to the deposit of one's own account.

5.—For the deposit of savings sums less than a dollar, may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having at \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Posts by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but must send them to be made at least once a month, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank*, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above BUSINESS will be commenced on the

1ST MAY, 1884.

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Bank.

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J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS
OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SILVER LOAN, 1884.

AUTHORIZED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
Dated 4th December, 1883.

For Dollars—2,789,400.28 equivalent of Taels 9,600,000 or £1,71,700 in Bonds of \$100 each Hongkong Currency, bearing interest at 8 per cent. per annum.

Principal and Interest payable in Hongkong.

The Loan is divided into Two Portions for \$1,394,700.14 (1 Million Taels) each, and marked respectively A & B.

The Bonds of Loan A are redeemable at within 3 years (1887) by three yearly instalments, the first of which will be payable on the 15th March, 1885.

The Bonds of Loan B are redeemable at within 8 years (1890) by three yearly instalments, the first of which will be payable on the 30th June 1888.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum payable yearly, according to the English Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at the Current Rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Hongkong. The first Payment of interest on Loan A will be on 16th March, 1885, and on Loan B on 30th June, 1885.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong one month previous to the dates of payment of the Drawn Bonds as given in the Schedule, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified at the Offices of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, after which date interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

Bonds to bearer will be issued on 25th October, 1884, against allotment letter and on payment of the balance due on same from which date the public will receive interest upon the Bonds of both Loans.

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For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1884. 1552

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Nagasaki, March, 1884. 1545

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Hongkong, July 25, 1884. 715

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point of such vital importance that if one lot of persons will not perform the work another lot who will must be got as speedily as possible to fill their places, for this reason the strike was absurd from the very beginning. There was not the slightest chance of the boat people obtaining what it is to be assumed they wanted. Every steamer that comes into this harbour must be unloaded or loaded without delay. This is much is the Government cannot make exceptions of French vessels. If the boat people remain abstinate the only remedy appears to be to threaten them with the loss of their licenses. Such a threat and the necessity of their earning a living should bring them to their work. But if they continue to refuse work, the losses of merchants here will be so serious that steps will have to be taken to get other people from some other part of the East to work the cargo boats.

A cargo-boat company with Chinese employees would not be a remedy for an evil like the existing one. But if this state of hostilities is to be prolonged for an indefinite period, and the boat people are constantly kicking up their heels in this way, then the sooner we have a cargo-boat company, with Indian, Malay or Japanned coopers the better. The Government must not promptly. Probably if communications were exchanged with the 'Victory' of Canton, and that high official were asked to issue a sensible notification, some good would be done. Assuming that patriotism has anything to do with the difficulty, it is about the first time this quality has been disregarded among the Chinese people. It is a new development. There was none of it in existence, presumably about twenty years ago, in the days of the Chinese coolie corps. This corps not only worked for the enemies *pro tem.* of China, but actually entered the field against their countrymen. There did not also seem to be much patriotism exhibited at Foochow the other day. It is pretty evident that mischievous makers, rather than patriotic feelings, are at the bottom of this new departure of the boat people. They must be dealt with as were the butchers a few months ago. We had to suppress that strike for sanitary reasons; we have to suppress the present one for commercial reasons of the highest importance to the welfare of the Colony.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PAESEN CANAL.—*Muscat, Sept. 1; Glen-jaloch, October, 8.*

The next *FRANCIS MAIL*, per the M. M. steamer *Sebastopol*, left Singapore on Friday, the 26th September, at 2 p.m., for Salmon and this port, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 3rd October.

The S. S. *Gathei* left Sydney for this port on the 23rd instant.

The S. S. *Wingfield* left Singapore for this port on the 27th instant.

The S. S. *Priam* left Singapore for this port on the 27th September.

The next two direct steamers, with the ninth Government's opinion and Indian mail, left Calcutta on the morning of the 17th September, for this port.

It is reported at Amoy that the French squadron left the neighbourhood of Matou on Monday last and had sailed north.

We hear that the agency of the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company has, in accordance with instructions from Sydney, been transferred from Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co. to Messrs Russell & Co.

The body of a Chinese male adult was found by the Water-Police yesterday floating in the harbour. The corpse, which was in an advanced state of decomposition, was taken to the mortuary. Nothing is known as to how the deceased met with his death, but no marks of violence appear upon the body, which has not been identified.

The Band of the Buffs will play at the Public Gardens on Friday evening next, commencing at 9 p.m. (weather permitting). The following is the programme:

March..... "Audacious"..... Riviere

Polonaise..... "Winn"

Overture..... "Belisario"..... Donizetti

Selection..... "Nell Gwynne"..... Plaistow

Paraphrase..... "The Lighthouse"..... Hutchinson

Galop..... "Fitz"..... Faust

B. Quinn, Bandmaster.

A report of the strike of the boat people was heard that a few days since, when the newly appointed French Resident at Huc, M. Lemaire, was passing through Hongkong the boys at the Hongkong Hotel, where M. Lemaire stayed for a time, refused to wait upon him at table, stating that they had received a notice from Kwangtung to the effect that their relations there would suffer whatever it they performed any service whatever for a Frenchman. M. Lemaire had to be put on board the French mail steamer by a Government launch, the crew of the boat people having long wished for a supply of fat beef and mutton, and the opportunity of getting good milch cows, and thus procuring undiluted milk, a rare luxury in Singapore.—*Stratford Times.*

Tobacco cultivation, say the *Stratford Times*, regarded by some as the hope of British North Borneo, and the amount of interest shown in it is far from inconsiderable. We have been favoured with the perusal of the prospectus of a new company which has just been started with this object, viz. the North Borneo and Banting Tobacco Cultivation Company. The promoters and shareholders are officials connected with the Borneo Administration, though it is quite a likely leading mercantile firm here will take an interest in the concern, as well as a leading Chinese firm in Hongkong. Some of Messrs. Meyerink & Co.'s land

was sold some days ago, near the village of Ha-Tsun in Deep Bay, has since died.

It was agreed, when the relatives of the lad came to Hongkong, to settle the amount of compensation to be made, that \$500 should be paid on Dr. Peale being safely delivered to the launch and that \$500 more should be paid on his arrival in Hongkong.

The villagers subsequently signed an agreement at Castle Peak to accept \$500 in full settlement, but since they have expressed dissatisfaction with this arrangement and stated they did not understand the document they signed. As Dr. Stewart gave his pledge for \$500, the uncle of the deceased have now been brought to Hongkong and the \$500 paid to them.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there will be no cricket to-morrow, but on Saturday next, at 11 a.m. (weather permitting), a match will be commenced by the *First Testie v. The Remainer.*

The names of the Twelve are as follows:

Mr. V. T. Bumby, The Buffs (Captain).

Mr. C. S. Barff.

Mr. E. J. Coxon.

Mr. G. H. D'Aeth, The Buffs.

Mr. W. H. F. Darby.

Mr. G. V. Daughly, The Buffs.

Mr. F. C. Hare, D.A.C.G.

Mr. J. C. Hony.

Mr. R. C. Hodder, R.N.

Mr. H. St. D. Jarret, The Buffs.

Mr. H. G. Rice, D.A.C.G.

Mr. J. H. O. Wilson.

Mr. H. F. Whyte will be Captain of the ship which identified the three bills produced as his. The first bill, sent by witness, amounted to \$7.25, and the second, to \$7.03. These figures had been very clumsily altered in pencil to \$8.30 and \$16.03.

With regard to the third bill, the prices were not witness; the bill ought to have amounted to \$8. Witness had only received \$7.25, \$7.05 and \$9 on the three bills, leaving a difference of \$16.20.

Defendant admitted receiving the increased amount. He stated that he made a bargain with Dr. Dobeck as to the amount and he agreed to pay the increased amounts.

Dr. Dobeck, recalled, stated that he agreed to pay the defendant the amount charged by him, but he would not have agreed to it so had he known that his master had charged less. Defendant said it was the proper amount, as witness paid him. (In the bills \$14.50 is charged for mailing a book, other being charged \$1.50 and \$2.)

Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour for obtaining money under false pretences.

Police Intelligence.

(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)

Thursday, Oct. 2.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Ali Saad, a firman, who was charged on the 29th ult. with cutting and wounding a seaman named Abo, in a house at Lascar Row on the 27th inst. appeared on remand.

Dr. C. J. Wharry, Superintendent of the Civil Hospital, gave evidence to the effect that complainant, who was admitted to hospital on the 27th September, at 10.45 p.m., was suffering from a punctured wound on the left arm. It was not a dangerous wound.

A previous conviction for assault was proved against defendant and he was now sentenced to six months' hard labour.

OBTAINING MONEY BY FRAUD.

Van Aman, a shopman employed at the Ong Sing stationer's shop, was charged with obtaining the sum of \$16.20 by fraudulently altering certain bills. Inspector Grey produced two bills made out against the Hongkong Observatory for making and binding books, in which the figures had been altered in pencil.

William Dobeck, the Government Astronomer, gave evidence to the effect that he had paid \$24.85 on the first two bills and \$16.03 for the third. He paid the amount to the master of the Chee Sing ship which identified the three bills produced as his. The first bill, sent by witness, amounted to \$7.25, and the second, to \$7.03. These figures had been very clumsily altered in pencil to \$8.30 and \$16.03.

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Marine Court.

(Before Capt. H. G. Thosett, R.N., Harbour Master.)

Thursday, October 2.

ENTRANCE OF DUTY.

Albert Williams, Joseph Eugene, Emilio Fava and Peter, able-bodied seamen on board the ship *Hattie B. Tiepe*, were charged by the master, Captain George J. Elinsky, with refusing to do duty on the 1st instant.

The Captain said it was reported to him yesterday morning that defendants refused to do duty. Since that they had done no work.

Defendants said that they asked for their discharges at Singapore, and that the Chinese are enjoying a holiday; and probably also the unfavourable weather has not hastened their return to work.

As the Chinese boat-people do not understand correctly the grounds on which several of them were fined the other day, and regard the fines simply as an attempt on the part of the Government to coerce them to work for the French, one or two of the native newspapers are explaining the matter to these people. The Government could make much valuable use of the native newspapers in this way if it were so minded.

A SIDNEY telegraph announces the formation of the Port Darwin Tin Mining Company with a capital of £120,000. This company is formed to work the claims formerly known as the Pioneer Tin Company's Claims at Mt. Wells.

A LANCE-CORPORAL of the Royal Inniskilling Dragoon's will play into the office of the Inspector General of Police at Singapore on the 19th September a splendid specimen of a live black cobra which he had captured. The snake, which has a smaller hood than the cobra *capitis*, is very poisonous and measured about 5 feet in length.—*Stratford Times.*

The following telegrams are taken from the *Rangoon Times*:

Cape Town, September 5.—Piet Joubert has accepted the presidency of the Boer republic in Zululand.

London, September 7.—News from Cairo states that the Mahr of Dongola has sent boats to Wadi Halla, wherein the 30th Regt. will recruit immediately for Dongola.

The last instalment of the Nile boats leave Wadi Halla on Monday, and the rest will follow quickly.

Yours faithfully,

BRITISHER.

THE CASTING VOTE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, October 2nd, 1884.

—The boat people have had it all their own way for two days now and the question on all sides is what is the Government going to do for us? So far there seems to be no signs of anything being done; meanwhile heavy losses are being sustained by merchants here.

If the native guilds are to be allowed to dictate to us here in British soil it is about time we had a good go at them.

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Twenty-five years experience of the Chinese has taught the writer that they are utterly unable to comprehend western modes of reasoning, and that when they willfully take to be saucy the blow must be quick, stern, and decisive; any measure of leniency will only encourage them.

The Chinese boat-people have

been here for a long time now and

are becoming more violent every day.

There is no sign of any improvement.

Yours faithfully,

BRITISHER.

As of convenience I use the term public meeting to denote meetings other, and of a less specific character, than meetings of shareholders, companies of proprietors, &c. There is no division of opinion as to the practice at meetings of the latter kind. Such meetings differ from public meetings in this important respect, that equality—that is, equality of voting power—is not claimed by the members. The chairman, in this case, is the owner of their shares, and when there is an equal division the chairman has, of course, (what no one disputes) a casting vote.

The difference of opinion is as to whether at public meetings, where the general body of members have under all circumstances but one, vote, the chairman has a right under certain circumstances to two votes. In my previous letter I quoted a paragraph from Thomas Smith's "Chairman and Speaker's Guide," in which it is (as I think, forcibly and conclusively) maintained that such a proceeding is unreasonable, unjust, and contrary to the highest precedent. It is contended, in opposition to this, that such a proceeding is reasonable, just, and according to precedent at meetings of companies.

This view, however, is not authenticated, but nevertheless adds to the present excitement to the native, who are not only exasperated, but freely circulate any news received from abroad.

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INTIMATIONS.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The Third,
A. D. 1730.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
proposed to grant Insurances as follows:-

Mercantile Department.

Policies issued at current rates, payable either
here, in London, or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1884. 1248

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
proposed to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 385

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Under-signed are proposed to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at 1
per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 933

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

GATTAL - TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Under-signed are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein,
or on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

INTIMATIONS.

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SAIL-CHANDLER,
22, PLATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send
in their PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES to
the Under-signed, by the 15th Instant, in
Order that they may be EXCHANGED for
FULL PAY-UP SCHEMES.

All Communications to the Company, on
and after the 1st of October next, should
be addressed to Mr. ALEXANDER BAIN,
Manager, at the Works, Bowrington.

WILLIAM LEGGE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 1, 1884. 1468

1,450 Prizes. 250,000. 1,450 Prizes.

THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB'S MELBOURNE CUP
CONSULTATION - 1884.

MEMBERS £1. - EACH.

To be run on the Flemington Race Course,
Melbourne, in November, 1884.

Distribution as follows:-

First Horse. £100. Total Prize, £10,000.

Second Horse. 500. " 5000. " 2,500.

Third Horse. 200. " 400. " 400.

Other Starters. 200. " 400. " 400.

Other Prizes. 1,000. " 2,000. " 2,000.

Non-Starters. 1,000. " 2,000. " 2,000.

Divided. 1,000. " 2,000. " 2,000.

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